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Sotsyalisticheskoto Pravitelstvo' (Defense of Fatherland a Sacred Duty of Every Soldier Towards the Party and the Socialist Government). For further years in the military service the following books are in use: 'Nashata Sotsyalisticheskata Rodina' (Our Socialist Fatherland), or 'Bogata Ye I Krasiva Nasha Rodina' (Rich and Beautiful is Our Fatherland), and others.

7. "The first book has the following chapters:

a) "Chapter 1: 'Balgarska Narodna Armia Sazhdana Pod Rakovodstvo Na Partinata I Georgi Dimitrov' (Bulgarian People's Army Created Under the Leadership of the Party and G Dimitrov). In the text there is a story of the suppression of the Communist coup in 1923; the establishment of 'Fascist' regimes in Bulgaria; the passing of the CP to illegal, underground activities, and its work in the Bulgarian Army; the Fatherland Front program of 1942; the coup of 9 Sept 44; a story of the fight against Fascist Germany conducted under the leadership of political commissars and about the victory sustained over Germany; about the activities of Damian Velchev; about the organization of 'Fascist, nationalistic' military organizations, Neutralen Offitser and Isar Krum; about partisans as a nucleus for the present Bulgarian People's Army; about the efforts made by the bourgeoisie to overthrow the 'People's' regime in Bulgaria with the help of Fascist officers; about the creation of a new Bulgarian army, based on the model of the Soviet Army, with the help and assistance given by the USSR, etc. This chapter has about 20 pages.

b) "Chapter 2 has the title: 'Nashata Rodina Ye Narodna Republika Bulgaria' (Our Fatherland is Bulgarian People's Republic). It contains about 10 pages and deals with the following matters: the definition of the word 'fatherland', description of the internal structure of the state, the history of the 'liberation' from the 'capitalistic yoke', changes which occurred in the country after 9 Sep 44, description of building of 'socialism' in Bulgaria, etc.

c) "Chapter 3 contains about eight pages and deals with military and state secrets. According to the text there are three categories of secrets:

- 1) "A military secret is any information of a military nature such as: Arms used by soldiers, military training, duties and chores in the barracks, locations of points of military and strategic importance, locations of dumps and stores, names of officers, all facts and events which take place in barracks and outside them.
- 2) "An economic secret is any information relating to the country's economy, as building of roads, plants, production capacity and output of the latter, carrying capacity of bridges, etc.
- 3) "A state secret is any secret which concerns the state.

"Further in the chapter there is a description of espionage. According to the text there are also three types of espionage: Military, economic and state espionage. A quotation from Stalin to the effect that it's far more difficult to take a military-strategic point by force than [it is] after weakening it by means of espionage, is included.

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"In order to keep military secrets, every soldier must take great care not to disclose in any way what he sees, does or lives through in the army. He should avoid approaching civilians, talk to them as little as possible, and never mention anything of a military character in his letters. He must always be careful and on guard.

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8. "It was a usual procedure for a political officer to hold a lecture for the first two hours on one particular chapter. For the next two hours the soldiers read the same chapter together from a book entitled 'Samostoyatelno Chetene', and finally during the following two hours, the officer examined the soldiers and gave each of them marks in the so called 'Politicheska Kniga' (political book).
9. "In the following week the next chapter was in turn dealt with in a similar manner. After the book was finished the whole story was repeated from the first chapter and so it goes during the whole first year of service.
10. "In spite of great efforts made by political officers, the results obtained were rather poor. The soldiers learned a certain number of formulas by heart and that was the end. During 'political inspections' when soldiers were examined on their political indoctrination, any amusing things happened. At such an inspection, an NCO (fnu) Avramov, who considered himself an exemplary Communist, was shown a picture of George Dimitrov and asked by the chairman of the commission who he was. Avramov, after a thorough examination of the portrait, said: 'It is you, but a little younger'. All present burst into laughter, and the chairman tried to convince him that it was Dimitrov, but without any success."

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